



## County of San Diego DPLU Update

February 2012

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb. 6 [Equine Ordinance: Public Scoping Meeting](#)
- Feb. 10 [Planning Commission: ZO Update No. 29](#)
- Feb. 29 Board of Supervisors Hearing: Red Tape Reduction Task Force
- Feb. 29 Board of Supervisors Hearing: Dead, Dying and Diseased Trees Program
- May. 2 Board of Supervisors: GP Property Specific Requests Workplan

For more information and additional upcoming meetings, please visit the Calendar on the General Plan Update [Web Site](#).

## Advance Planning News

### General Plan Property Request Workshop Minute Order Now Available!

*Minute Order:*

[http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/docs/BOS\\_Jan2012/01092012\\_Regular\\_mo.pdf](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/docs/BOS_Jan2012/01092012_Regular_mo.pdf)

At the January Workshop, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to further evaluate a total of 56 property owner requests to change General Plan land use designations. Staff intends to return to the Board on May 2 with the results of our analysis and workplan options for possible amendments to the General Plan.

Although the Board of Supervisors directed staff to re-evaluate these requests, this does not constitute a commitment to change the land use designations in the area. In order to incorporate a property request a formal General Plan Amendment is required. (Staff Contact: Jimmy Wong, [jimmy.wong@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jimmy.wong@sdcounty.ca.gov))

### Equine Ordinance Notice of Preparation Public Review – Public Scoping Meeting Feb. 6, 2012

Notice of Preparation: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/advance/Equine.html>

Advance Planning staff has prepared draft Zoning Ordinance Amendments regarding commercial horse uses and is now initiating preparation of an Environmental Impact Report. The ordinance amendment was directed by the Board of Supervisors in July 2011 to develop a tiered permitting approach for the commercial horse stable use type in areas where a Major Use Permit is currently required by the Zoning Ordinance. DPLU issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR on January 19 that solicits input from the public on environmental impacts that may result from the project. Additionally, staff has scheduled a Public Scoping Meeting for Monday, February 6 at 6 pm in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, Department of Planning and Land Use, 5201 Ruffin Road Suite B, San Diego, CA 92123. (Staff Contact: Carl Stiehl, [carl.stiehl@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:carl.stiehl@sdcounty.ca.gov))

### Zoning Ordinance Update No. 29 and County Code Amendments – Planning Commission Hearing Feb. 10, 2012

Draft Ordinance: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ordamend.html>

Advanced Planning staff has prepared another general clean-up to the County Zoning Ordinance. Proposed amendments will include the addition of definitions, and minor revisions to various sections of the ordinance. This action also proposes to make minor changes to the County Regulatory Code and the County Administrative Code. These amendments will be brought to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on February 10. The draft zoning ordinance amendments can be viewed by using the above link. (Staff Contact: Heather Lingelser, [heather.lingelser@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:heather.lingelser@sdcounty.ca.gov))

### Residential Design Guidelines – Comments due Feb. 25, 2012

Draft Guidelines: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ordamend.html>

The Board of Supervisors directed DPLU last April to develop new guidelines to help residential subdivision builders create homes that fit the character of the unincorporated communities in which they're built. A draft of the residential design guidelines is currently available for public review at the above link. (Staff Contact: Marcus Lubich, [marcus.lubich@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:marcus.lubich@sdcounty.ca.gov))

### **Red Tape Reduction Task Force – Board of Supervisors Hearing Feb. 29, 2012**

On March 2, 2011 and April 13, 2011, the Board of Supervisors directed formation of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force (Task Force) and adopted a resolution forming the Task Force, respectively. The purpose of the Task Force was to examine the land development permitting process and identify opportunities for operational improvements that will result in efficiencies in the permitting process. On December 7, 2011, the Board held a meeting to review the Task Force's final report and recommendations. The Board directed staff to implement some recommendations, evaluate other recommendations and return in 60 days with a report on staff's findings. To allow for additional public input on this item, the Board is being requested to vacate the action taken in December at their meeting on February 7, 2012. The Red Tape Reduction Task Force Report and Recommendations would then be placed on the Board agenda for the February 29, 2012 Board meeting, so that further public testimony may be provided.

### **Julian Dead, Dying and Diseased Tree Program – Board of Supervisors Hearing Feb. 29, 2012**

Draft EIR: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa/DDDTREES112311.html>

The Advance Planning Division has completed an environmental impact report for the San Diego County Fire Authority (Authority) to strategically remove selected dead, dying and diseased trees on qualifying privately owned parcels within a 500-foot maximum treatment width along each side of SR 78 and SR 79 (includes the joint SR 78/79) in the Greater Julian Area, and around existing structures and infrastructure facilities located along evacuation access routes. The purpose of the project is to ensure that during fires dead, dying or diseased trees do not fall onto roads where they could become impediments to evacuation or fire access, to protect structures and to create defensible space for fire fighters. The Authority expects the Final EIR to be considered by the Board of Supervisors at its Feb. 29 meeting. (Staff Contact: Bobbie Stephenson, [bobbie.stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:bobbie.stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov))

### **Forest Conservation Initiative Lands General Plan Amendment**

Staff is currently preparing a land use plan for the former Forest Conservation Initiative (FCI) lands in the unincorporated San Diego County where a voter-approved initiative required that approximately 70,000 acres of private lands within the Cleveland National Forest have a minimum lot size of 40 acres.

Late last year, staff prepared a preliminary land use plan to re-designate the FCI lands: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/advance/FCI.html>. Each property owner with FCI lands was notified of the proposed changes. The County is currently holding meetings with community planning and sponsor groups to gather their input. County staff will soon begin the project's environmental analysis. Once complete, the proposed changes will be taken to the Planning Commission for recommendation and Board of Supervisors for approval. (Staff Contact: Bob Citrano, [robert.citrano@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:robert.citrano@sdcounty.ca.gov))

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